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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
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AMEMBASSY BONN
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE
JOINT STAFF WASHDC
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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SUBJECT: SALIM ON RWANDA

REF: ADDIS ABABA 5560

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. DURING A 25 AUGUST MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR IRV HICKS (OTHER SUBJECTS SEPTEL), OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM AHMED SALIM AGAIN MENTIONED HIS CONCERNS ABOUT THE SLOW PACE AT WHICH THE UN WAS DEALING WITH THE RWANDA PROBLEM (SEE REFTEL FOR SALIM'S COMMENTS OF 23 AUGUST). SALIM SAID THAT HE AND UNSYG BOUTROS-GHALI EXCHANGED A NUMBER OF LETTERS ON THE SUBJECT, IN WHICH SALIM HAD URGED THE UN TO TAKE ACTION WITHIN THE TIME FRAME SPELLED OUT IN THE ARUSHA ACCORDS. ACCORDING TO SALIM, BOTH THE RPF AND THE GOR WERE IN FAVOR OF THE ARUSHA ACCORD, BUT THERE WERE EXTREMIST ELEMENTS ON BOTH SIDES WHO WOULD USE A MINOR INCIDENT TO DERAIL THE ENTIRE PROCESS. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE UN ACT QUICKLY SO THAT NO ONE HAD AN EXCUSE FOR MISCHIEF.

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3. AMBASSADOR HICKS REPLIED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS PREPARED TO ACT ON RWANDA, BUT WANTED TO DO SO IN A DELIBERATE MANNER, TO ENSURE THAT THE OPTIONS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED, AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION STUDIED.

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